

Daily Eagle

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As between the freeze up in the east and tie up in the west the railroads of the country have not done anything like a booming business the past week. Hope for better things at both ends the coming week.

Dick Colver says he will bet a cool million dollars that Cleveland will be the next president. We'd take the bet, only we know that Dickey only meant the little bluff as a taunt to Toupee Tomlinson who is just back from his Hill junket in the east.

It is presumable that when Marion gets vaccinated and takes, so there will be no danger of any of her neighbors catching small pox from her, she will raise her quarantine against them; at least we will let her people receive packages by express. For the convenience of her people we trust so.

Oxford, Mississippi, claims to be the "one Christian city of the south." The whites have five churches, and the colored people three, and everybody connected with the two newspapers belongs to the church. Oxford is the home of Mr. Justice Lamar, erstwhile secretary of the interior.

Chicago is the head-center of the prevailing railroad strike, though we have not seen so much as mention of the name anarchist in that connection. The current disagreement between the engineers and railroad companies has so far afforded them—if there are any left—no opportunity to bob up. "Well."

The Indianapolis Journal never tires of turning itself loose on Kansas. The drought in Indiana and consequent loss of the grass and corn crops seems to have roused our Hoosier friends. If the good Lord should in His wisdom dish them up a dose of grasshoppers in the course of the seasons there would be no living with them.

The memory of Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick, was forcibly emblazoned throughout the country yesterday by the myriads of "bits of ribbon" green that were worn upon as many manly and womanly breasts. Snakes have no terror to the Anglo-Saxon-Hiberno-Celts anywhere, unless it be the two-legged sort secreted in the grass.

If it be true as stated by a spokesman for the railroad strikers, and we have no reason to doubt it, that the Brotherhood is an organization and as individuals are in such splendid condition, financially, the disinterested public will naturally ask, "what are they striking for?" It would seem to indicate that their grievance is not a real and pressing one, as most people have been led to suppose.

Senator Brown, of Georgia, in his speech on Wednesday, on the resolution offered by him for the repeal of the revenue laws, for once rose superior to his partisan prejudices and talked protection and sense like a man recently emerged from darkness to daylight. Now if the senator would only lack up his sensible talk by the sensible act of voting as he talked he would not only show excellent judgment but superior courage. Will he do it?

Uncle Billy Holman, of Indiana, is known as the great objector, but that comes of his verbal interpositions on the floor of the house and is confined to that sphere and realm wholly. He "never objects to nothing" when the personal interests of William the I are involved. He is now trying to connect himself with the current of gubernatorial lightning, but his chances are regarded as somewhat effervescent.

The statement that editor Tomlinson had forsaken or deserted Kansas and his good Topeka daily, the Kansas Democrat, and taken position on the editorial staff of the New York Sun is one of those campaign hyperboles, perpetrated to cripple his endeavors, to elevate the Hill boulder. No, W. P. T. has not quitted the Sunflower state and will not so long as a single "rascal" of a Republican is retained in an appointed position under a Democratic dynasty. What he may do after the 4th of next March is an after consideration.

There has been heavier rainfall in California the past month than has been known there for many years. A local paper says the total precipitation has amounted to forty-five inches. With the quantity taken in by the earth and the immense storage in the mountains in the shape of snow and ice, to be let out by the warm sunshine of spring and summer, the denizens of that usually arid section calculate that there will be an abundance of moisture—enough to last through the season, making the valleys "vast fields of waving green." May it so be.

The desirability of a community as a place of business or home for the family is best shown in its natural advantages and educational and religious privileges. Communities, cities and towns, attract the better element of society in proportion as civilization and the comfort and happiness of the citizens may be advanced. The liberality with which these interests have been encouraged and sustained here speaks volumes for Wichita, and such conditions, abounding here as perhaps nowhere else, have contributed to the volume of attractions that have made the city famous and brought hither much of the wealth, intelligence and social and moral worth that characterizes Wichita's society.

They are still lynching in Kentucky. A man was lynched the other day for a murder he had committed three months ago. This is a little longer than they generally get to survive killing a man in Kentucky, but it is better late than never.—Press.

The way that came about was like this: A negro shot and killed a white man who discovered him at night in suspicious proximity to his residence. The negro was promptly taken and put in jail where the murderer of the sheriff (the occurrence which took place three months ago) was confined. The mob went to the jail primarily to get the negro, but concluded while they were about it to dispatch both of the murderers, which they did, unceremoniously. It is said the father and some others of the county officers went along and saw the job well done.

WICHITA.

Following is an editorial comment, from the Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch, upon an article which appeared in the same issue of that paper, and which will be found in this issue of the EAGLE, from the correspondent of the Dispatch in this city. Both the comment and article referred to are highly complimentary to Wichita, being based upon facts and not draughts from vivid imaginations.

"We call the attention of our readers to a letter from Wichita, which appears in another column of this paper. There is not a line in it that is not true, and not a thing that is exaggerated. Wichita is indeed the wonder of the southwest, and is destined to be a great city."

Kansas has had her full share of troubles, and it is the wish of this country that she may have no more. Her hills have been unimpaired, and her children have suffered with her. When Wichita was born her hopes brightened, and the hills she was heir to passed away, and today she is strong and healthy, like her robust Wichita, and together they are the twin wonders of the world.

Wichita is solid in every way. Its great development is natural and its enterprises are founded upon a rock. Its busy men gather no moss, and come very close to the image of their maker.

Her people love her with a love that knows no death, and they boast and boom her with a will and a relish that is enchanting.

Like the Prussian guard, that forever stands on the banks of the sacred Rhine, watching all and every invasion and protecting each and all of the fatherland, so do the worshippers of Wichita stand in solid phalanx, ready to do or die for their own Wichita.

How much like the "wacht am Rhine," although clad in grief at the death of their master, is this "watch of Wichita."

INDICATIONS OF PROSPERITY.

That a season of great development and prosperity is dawning upon Wichita few people who are acquainted with her surroundings for even a moment doubt. The people of Wichita and the men who have done so much to control the destiny of a young city that in the last two years has made a record unequalled in the history of cities, are better prepared today to carry forward great enterprises and enterprises that will insure the prosperity and development of the city than ever before. With an increased faith in the brilliant future of the greatest city of Kansas, and inspired by the courage and confidence born of previous victories won, the people of Wichita today are organizing their forces and making ready to accomplish greater things than even the most enthusiastic admirer of a young city that has won the admiration of good people everywhere, dared hope for two years ago. The people who are in line to accomplish these achievements that is to redound to the glory of Wichita are confident of success. Their leaders wear upon their hearts the badges of honor with which a loyal people have decorated them for sacrifice and devotion in many hotly contested battles. We have said the surroundings indicate a coming wave of prosperity. Shrewd business men from every part of the country are daily coming here to look over the field, and all around the suburbs where houses were erected in such numbers last summer, that many people said they would not be occupied in ten years, have all filled up this spring. People who visited this city last fall and saw these great numbers of houses just finished and all empty are surprised now when they go out into these additions to rent a good house, to find them all occupied. Business houses are in great demand on the best business streets, and where one is to be rented there is always a lively contest for it.

These things are but the little eddies of mind that toy with light objects by the highways, and run in currents across the fields, bearing harvest time like great serpents, and follows the calm and proceeds the storm. Like waters overflowing the river's bank and running along the depressions like a silver band across the valley where soon shall roll a surging tide. These things indicate a flood of immigration that is coming to spread itself over this valley and add other countless millions of wealth and other thousands of busy happy people to winning Wichita.

All over this great country are thousands of cautious business men and capitalists who witnessed the unprecedented boom here one year ago, and stood aloof expecting to see a crash last summer in Wichita that would forever deter people from investing in new western cities, and fulfill their predictions that no such rapid growth could be permanent. The collapse did not come, but Wichita went right along and even beat her former record in substantial growth.

These capitalists and business men seeing that their expectations were not realized, have investigated and are investigating the causes of this substantial growth, and they find upon examination that the city's resources are many times greater than they expected. They had not realized that a great fertile country, tributary to Wichita, and that forty-two county seat towns, many of them cities of such business proportions as to more than compare with eastern county seat towns. These towns and many others are all within a few hours ride of Wichita. The daily EAGLE each morning reaches more than two hundred towns in southern and western Kansas. No man's land is being rapidly developed, and the time is near at hand when the Indian territory will be opened and occupied by an industrious people, and this will anchor another Wichita, and our very doors be added to Wichita's trade. A country the vastness of whose territory and value of whose resources is as yet but partially comprehended. A knowledge of these things are inspiring confidence in Wichita's future; in the minds of many people controlling great interests and insures an accession of population and industrial institutions that will in a very short time make this the one chief city of the great southwest.

Life's Main Object and End.

The time is fast coming when the grave and gay, the sedate and frivolous, the domineer and the pugilist, the broker and the gambler, and all mankind will drop their daily avocations and tie them to the bleaching boards of the base ball ground. What a wonderful creature is man!

WICHITA'S MILLIONS.

"HARMONY, STRENGTH, UNITY, SUCCESS."

These Four Build a Great City at the Confluence of the Two Arkansas Rivers.

Mr. Chas. H. Kurtz, editor of the Newton Evening Kansan, who was a guest of the Wichita board of trade, publishes almost two columns of an account of what he heard, of what he saw and of what he concluded, of which we can give only the following concluding extract:

The responses were all good, and we would like to publish them in full, that you might learn how Wichita was built, and how the people who built it are now being built up by their energy and zealous work in behalf of the city; depression, doubt and fear several times almost overwhelmed them, but there was always one or more of unyielding faith, who would spur his neighbors to renewed efforts, and the grand results are plainly perceptible today.

The ceremonies closed at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday morning; the visitors were escorted to the Carey Grand, where the board had provided accommodations, and after resting on luxuriant beds of ease, and partaking of a breakfast that was a treat to the palate, the guests were taken to the feast of the previous evening, carriages were placed at their disposal and they "took in" the sights of the city.

In company with our friend Healy we visited the partially completed Garfield University, where the students are already enrolled; the just completed Catholic seminary with its two hundred and fifty pupils; the nearly completed watch factory, a large six-story building; the ice plant; the ten bridges across the Arkansas; crossed and recrossed; the miles of street railway and motor lines; the Presbyterian (Lew) academy with one hundred and twenty-five students; the stock yards; the packing house just commenced, where we saw an army of men at work on a building which, when completed, will be 120,000 feet in size; the Burton car works, where the capital is now being increased from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000, and admired the hundreds of magnificent business blocks, and the thousands of palatial residences that adorn its busy streets and avenues, and for special courtesies to our personal friends—Col. Mildred Stewart, Maj. P. V. Healy, Capt. W. A. Richey, Hon. H. W. Lewis, M. M. Murdock, E. S. Neiderlander, Kos. Harris, J. R. Mead, John Kelly and Judge Sluss, with a hope that a long, useful and highly prosperous life is in store for them and their beautiful city.

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Sustained Her Reputation.

Wichita sustained her reputation for liberality and cordial treatment in the royal manner in which the board of trade entertained the visiting guests at the banquet given on Tuesday evening. Wichita has some very shrewd, farseeing business men, and it is not surprising that she can ever repay her narrow prosperity. One can not help admiring the splendid pluck, unswerving energy and unity of purpose exhibited by the business men of Wichita—characteristics which do not wait for but make opportunities of adversity. The board of trade is a noble body of men, and the EAGLE, a tower of strength to that city, is right royally supported and right royally has it deserved it.

A Grand Affair.

In answer to an invitation from the executive committee, we attended the grand banquet given by the business men of Wichita Tuesday evening, the occasion being the dedication of the new board of trade building there, and of all the fine things we have attended in Kansas during the past ten years this equalled any of them. The new board of trade hall is undoubtedly the finest building in Kansas, and the ceremonies of its dedication were befitting its magnificence. Between 500 and 600 representative men of Kansas were seated at the banquet tables—congressmen, legislators, newspaper men and the like, and under the glare of the electric light in that mammoth structure the sight was imposing and grand.

The banquet was intended to outstrip anything of the kind ever got up in Kansas before, and we believe it did it, as everything we ever heard or read of to eat and drink was there, and a great deal besides that we couldn't name to save us.

Eloquent and appropriate speeches were made by attorney W. S. Morris, of Wichita; Hon. T. A. McFarland, editor of the Medicine Lodge Press; Judge Sluss, Hon. W. S. Corbett, Col. Lewis, Col. Marsh Murdock and Hon. K. Harris, and not one of the speeches but what were the personification of eloquence and oratory.

The speaking adjourned at 1 o'clock a. m. Wednesday and the visiting guests from all over the state were assigned quarters at Hotel Carey, the finest hotel in the city.

It was an occasion which will live long in the memory of those present and one that has given what has often been asserted—that Wichita never does things by halves.

Dedication.

The editor of the Democrat had the pleasure of attending the dedication ceremonies of the board of trade building at Wichita Tuesday night. The people of Wichita succeeded, in conducting western hospitality in the most striking manner. Invited guests commenced pouring in early in the morning, and as soon as their presence was known they were taken in hand by some Wichita and industriously entertained during the rest of the day. About 8 p. m. the company assembled at the board of trade hall in the Sedgwick building, where four hours were passed in social confab, speech-making and banqueting. After the banquet, and happy responses to the master of ceremonies, announced that carriages were in waiting at the door to convey the visitors to their respective hotels, which, by the way, were provided by the board of trade.

The dedication was throughout one of the pleasantest affairs we have ever attended, and we think, will explain to the careful observer the secret of Wichita's success. They are agreed among themselves, and when they decide to do a thing they do it, and they do it right. The result is they score a victory and astonish their visitors and competitors. The citizens of the burg thought it no trick at all to entertain four hundred visitors, but a very severe test is in store for them. The Democrats are, of course, the unfettered, and if the denizens prove equal to the occasion the Democracy of Kansas will acknowledge that Wichita is the Peerless Princess.

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THE WICHITA BANQUET.

Opening of the New Quarters of the Wichita Board of Trade—Guests From All Over the State.

Hutchinson News.

On Tuesday evening our city delegation, representing Hutchinson at the Wichita board of trade opening, visited the new quarters of the board, and were entertained in a most becoming manner.

The delegation consisted of Mayor Bigger, Fletcher Meredith, R. M. Johnston and R. M. Easley, and it was met at the Missouri Pacific depot by a member of the reception committee, Mr. Campbell, and taken in a motor car to the handsome new Hotel Carey, where suitable arrangements had been made by the board for every visitor's convenience.

After an hour and a half of general investigation of attractions of the city, the visitors were taken to the new board of trade building, where the speaking and banqueting were to take place.

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Advancing Property and Strong Values.

From the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Maj. John H. Marshall, a prominent citizen of Wichita, Kan., is in the city, the guest of Assistant Circuit Attorney Marshall McDonald. Maj. Marshall is very unimpressive in his manner and speech, though enthusiastic over the ambitious Southwestern Kansas metropolis, and his candor impresses one forcibly. The present year, he says, will be the greatest Wichita has ever seen, as the city will be overrun with excursions, reduced rates being given. There are a large number of buildings under way and nearing completion, and a larger number in contemplation and determined upon. All the business buildings now being erected are five to seven stories high. One of the greatest improvements is the Zimmerman block, of Bedford (Ind.) stone. Speaking of the real estate market, Maj. Marshall said: "We are not running water, but generally called a boom, and we're not in need of a physician. Property is not now advancing rapidly, but steadily, and values are very strong. There's a possibility of everything, of course, but I can't see any probability of any shrinking in values there. Everything is being done permanently. We have seventy miles of street railway and motor track, and this is being increased steadily. Mr. Lee Taylor, interested in the motor line largely, was in St. Louis a few days ago having matters for his road. We have a number of residences costing \$25,000 to \$75,000, and store buildings as fine as any in the west. Then we have a large watch factory nearing completion, and Jacob Doll is putting up a large packing establishment, with which he expects to control all of the cattle coming from the southwest, and now going to Kansas City. He is warmly backed up by Wichita people. Armour made overtures recently for a bonus to locate there, but Mr. Doll has taken position as our savior. The Y. M. C. A. building, five stories, is also nearing completion. The money for it, \$75,000, was raised in one day."

WONDERFUL WICHITA.

A Pointer for Railroads and Business Men.

The EAGLE's oft repeated assertion that Wichita was the biggest city in the state, when the facts are looked up, becomes a very tame claim, as will be seen by reference to the figures given in Mr. Corbett's address elsewhere. It seems in matter of transportation that Wichita is greater than any half dozen of her cities, that, in fact, the young commercial giant, last year paid one-seventh of the entire freight receipts of the state of Kansas. Thirty-four thousand five hundred and eighty-one tons were unloaded in Wichita in June, or upwards of a thousand tons per day.

There can be no mistake about Mr. Corbett's assertion. The figures are taken from the records by a railway expert and are unimpeachable. No disinterested observer for the past five or six years could have looked upon the business streets of Wichita and doubted that they contained a greater traffic than any other city in the state.

Thus far the death of the German emperor and the accession to throne of his son, the crown prince, have not produced any perceptible effect upon the status quo of continental Europe. The death and entombment of the emperor was attended by such scenes and incidents and manifestations on the part of the people as would naturally be expected in any country under like circumstances, where the ruler is held in affectionate and loyal regard as Emperor William by his countrymen, while the official recognition of his son as his successor was simply a pro forma affair, eliciting no special enthusiasm among the people and little outside comment.

All this is largely but the legitimate outcome or result of the matchless strength of the empire in the estimation of its own citizens, though the presence and conduct of the emperor and his son, the crown prince, have much to do with the unbroken pacific conditions. As long as the lives of Germany will remain united, harmonious and strong, what changes his death would and will produce is beyond speculation even. A competent successor may develop without delay, and before any hurtful changes could occur in the policy of the government, though very many apprehend that such an one is not to be found in all the land. We doubt it.

A recent analysis of the population of Kansas, according to the Kansas City Star's statistics, "reveals the fact that Missouri has contributed almost twice as many people to that commonwealth as any state in the Union. The Star says Ohio sent 74,633 emigrants to Kansas, while Missouri, which is the only state that exceeds that number, furnishes 136,725." This is a mistake, as to these states, Illinois is credited with something like 125,000, Indiana with nearly as many and Iowa with about 110,000. The impression has always prevailed that Kansas